a quiet afternoon at *Hard to Find Books*— autumn 2025

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an auckland autumn, august 20th
it's a wednesday afternoon

from 3:27 to 5:35,
i'm enveloped by this bookshop,
taking pictures on an ageing camera[1]

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for seven years, Hard to Find Books
has lived in a lovely listed building
owned by the catholic church

1 Warwick and Shalon, thank you for having me over, and for not minding as I stood hunched in your rooms like a demented gargoyle, waiting for the sun. And thanks also to Blaze, Grace, and Haro for helping me arrange the visit. Warwick, I wish I'd met your dog. It's my one regret.

now the church wants its building back

HARD TO FIND
BOOKSHOP

HOLIDAYS
TRAVEL BY
TRAIN
BOOK EARLY AT RAILWAY OFFICES
GOVERNMENT TOURIST BUREAUX

where will Hard to Find Books go?

no one really knows

someplace with room for half a million books
and miles and miles of shelving

stressful days for all at the shop—
and those of *us* who know
bookshops are sacred

How many bookshops have a Saint looking over them, but we are fortunate to be connected to the legacy of St Mary MacKillop.
Originally from Australia, she founded the Sisters of St Joseph order of nuns (Josephites) to establish schools across Australasia in the late 19th century. She purchased this site in 1901 to create a convent for the nuns who taught at the school she established next door (now the northern carpark site) and in its early days she lived in a house situated on the site you stand in; today known as the St Mary MacKillop Chapel. This end of the building including the chapel was added in 1916.
Mary was formally recognized as Australasia's first saint in 1995. We are delighted to have a living association with her, and hope we contribute to her passion for knowledge and education for all.

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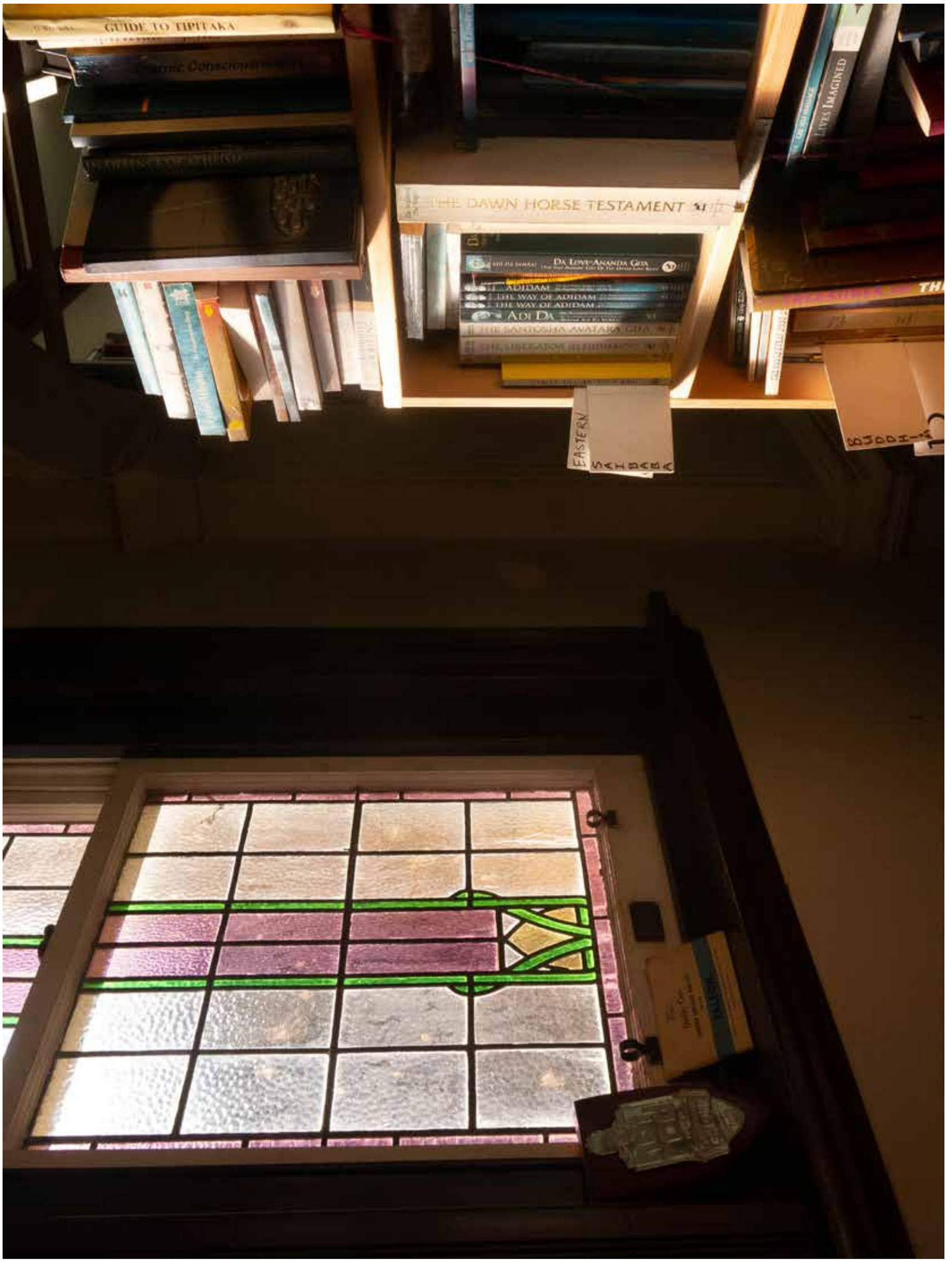
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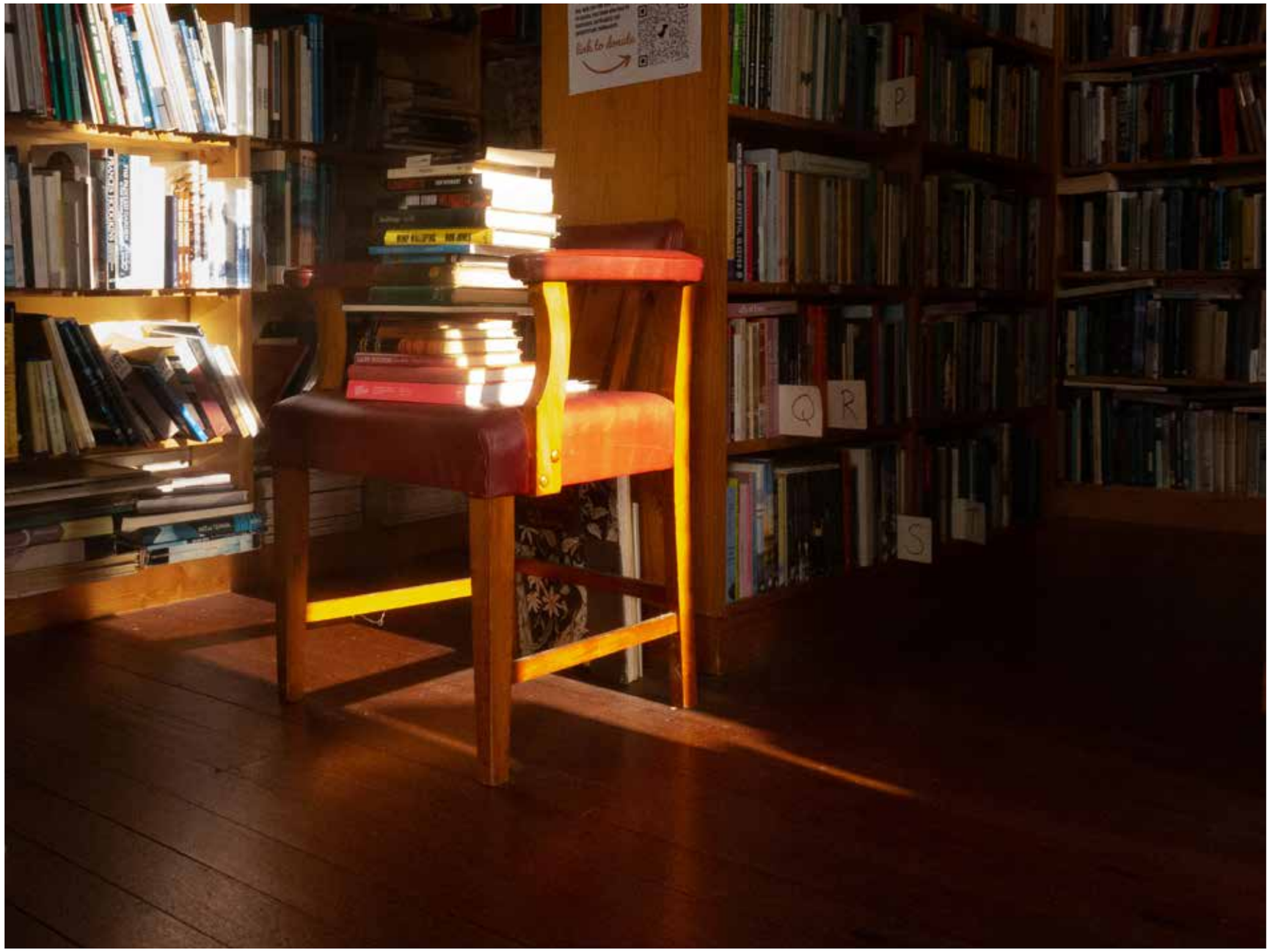
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THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THIS WING

TO THE MEMORY OF

SISTER RAYMOND.

WAS LAID BY

THE RIGHT REV. Dr CLEARY.

BISHOP OF AUCKLAND.

30TH JUNE, 1918.

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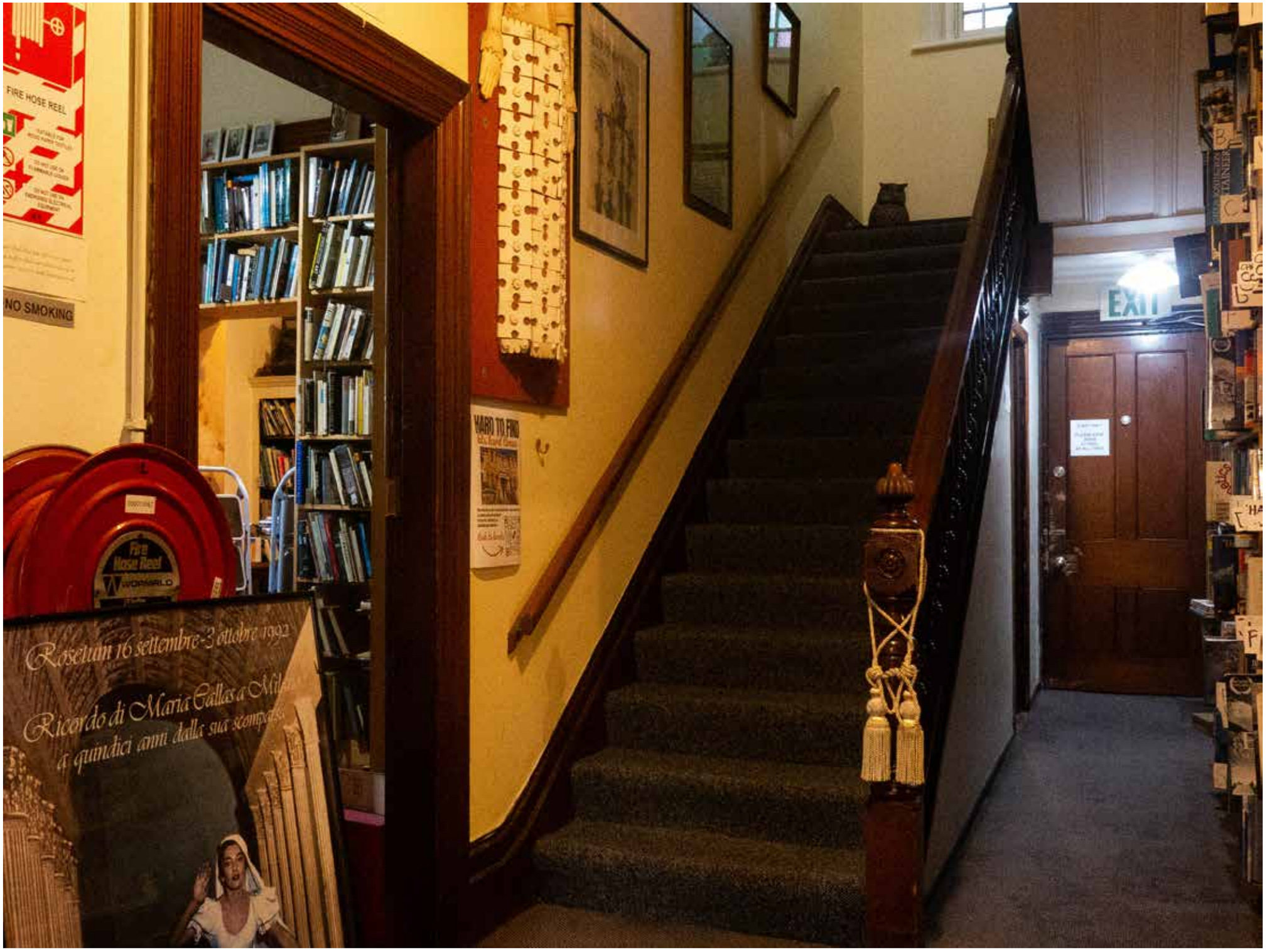
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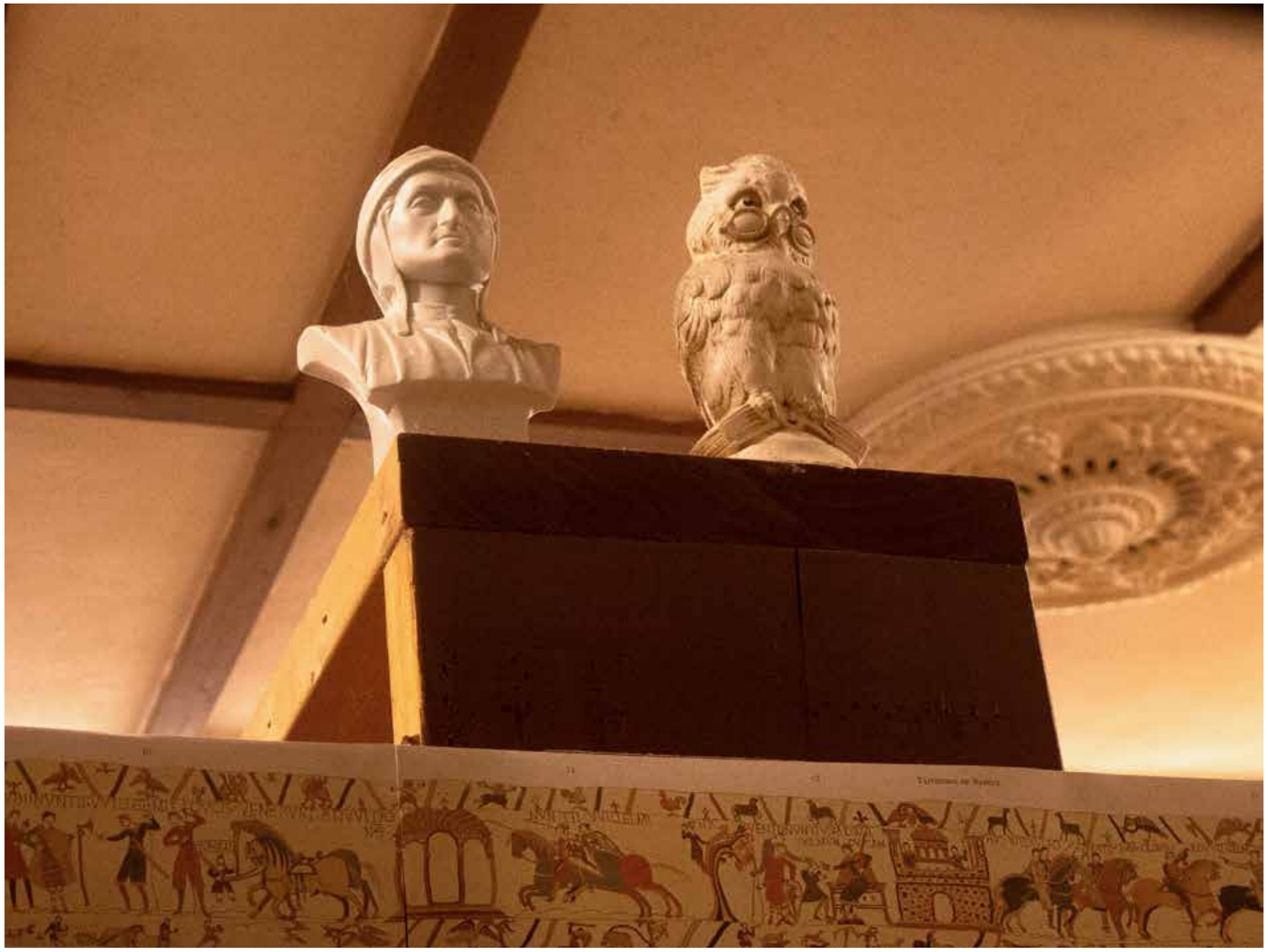

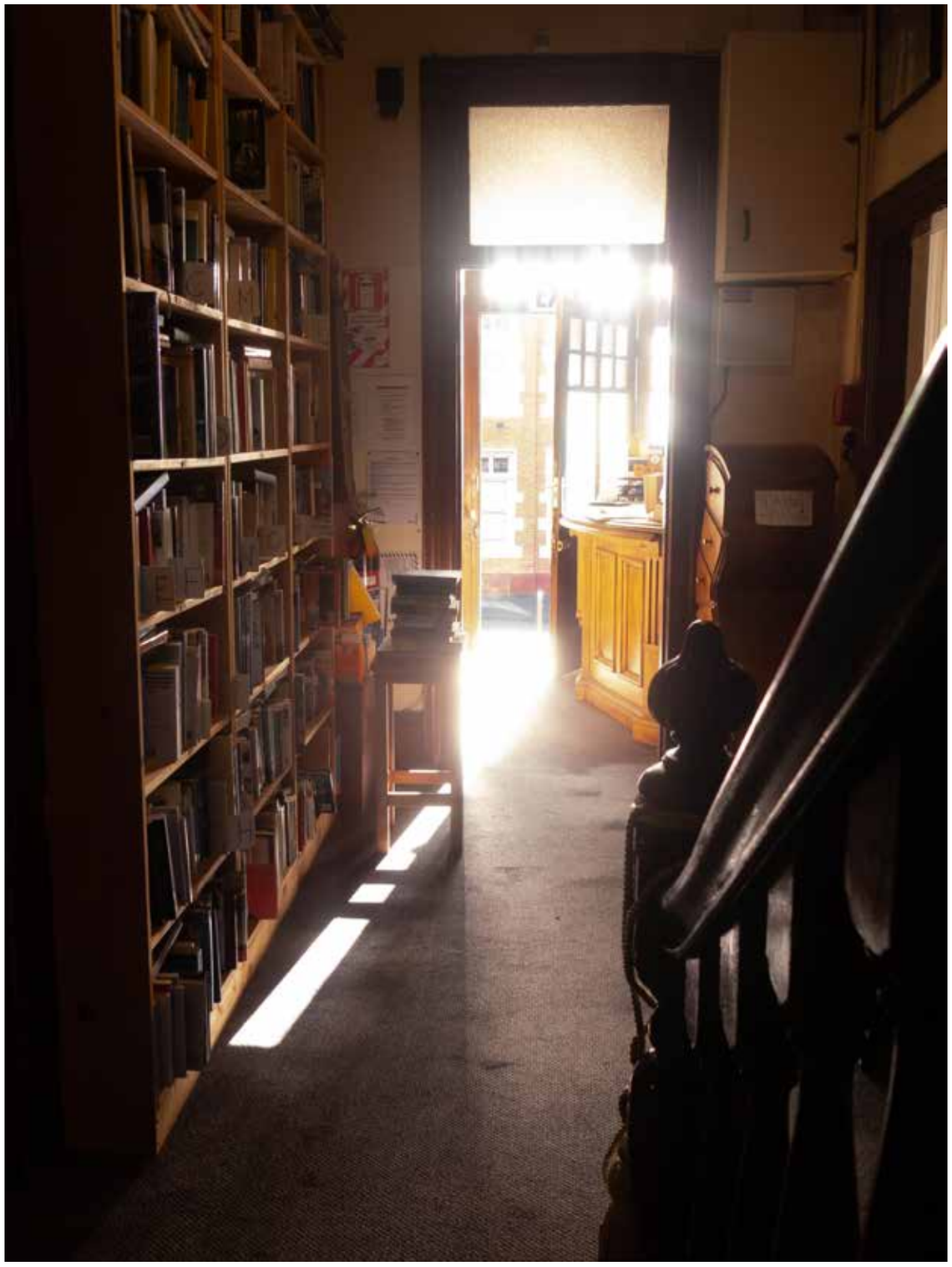

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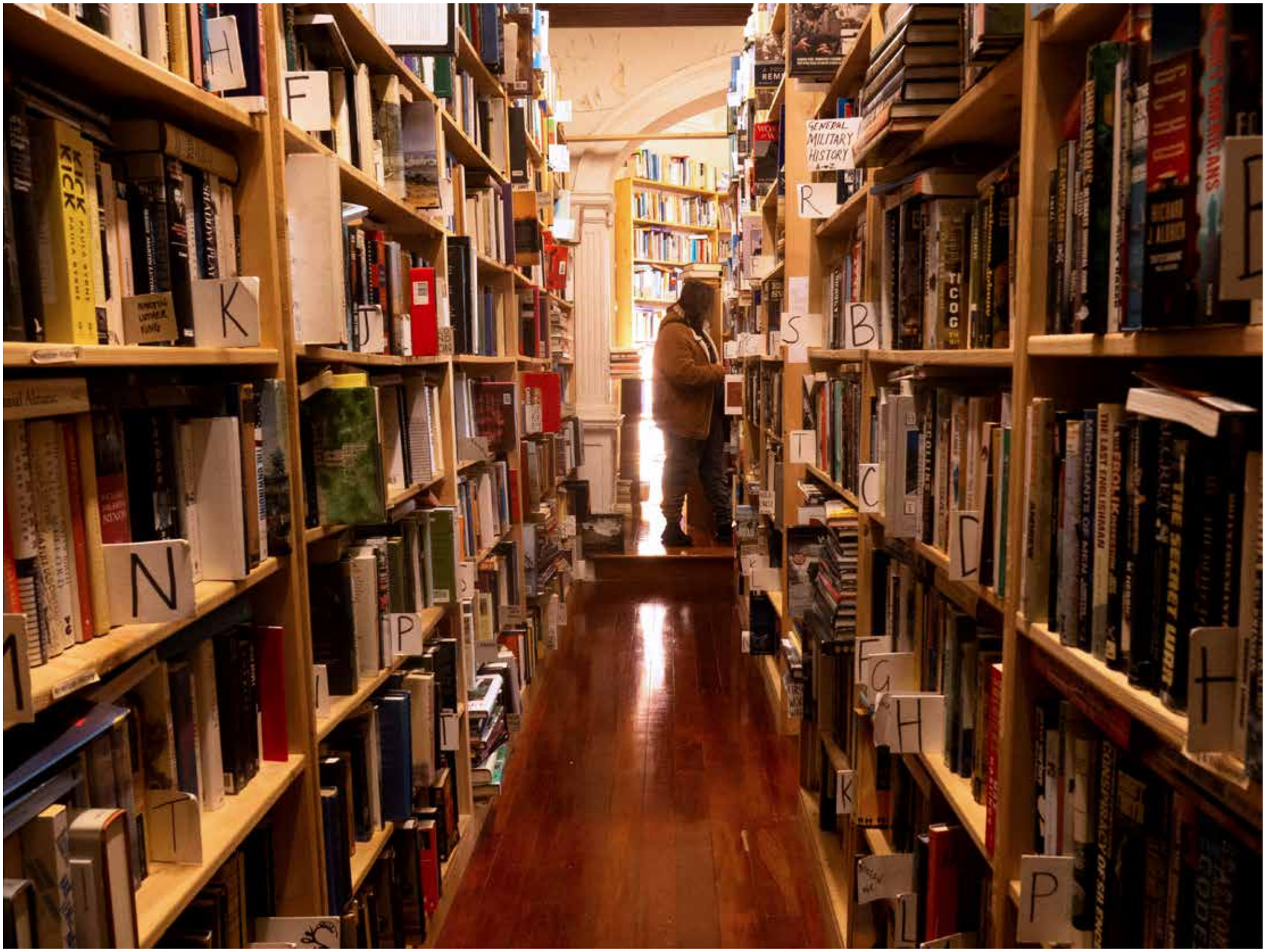
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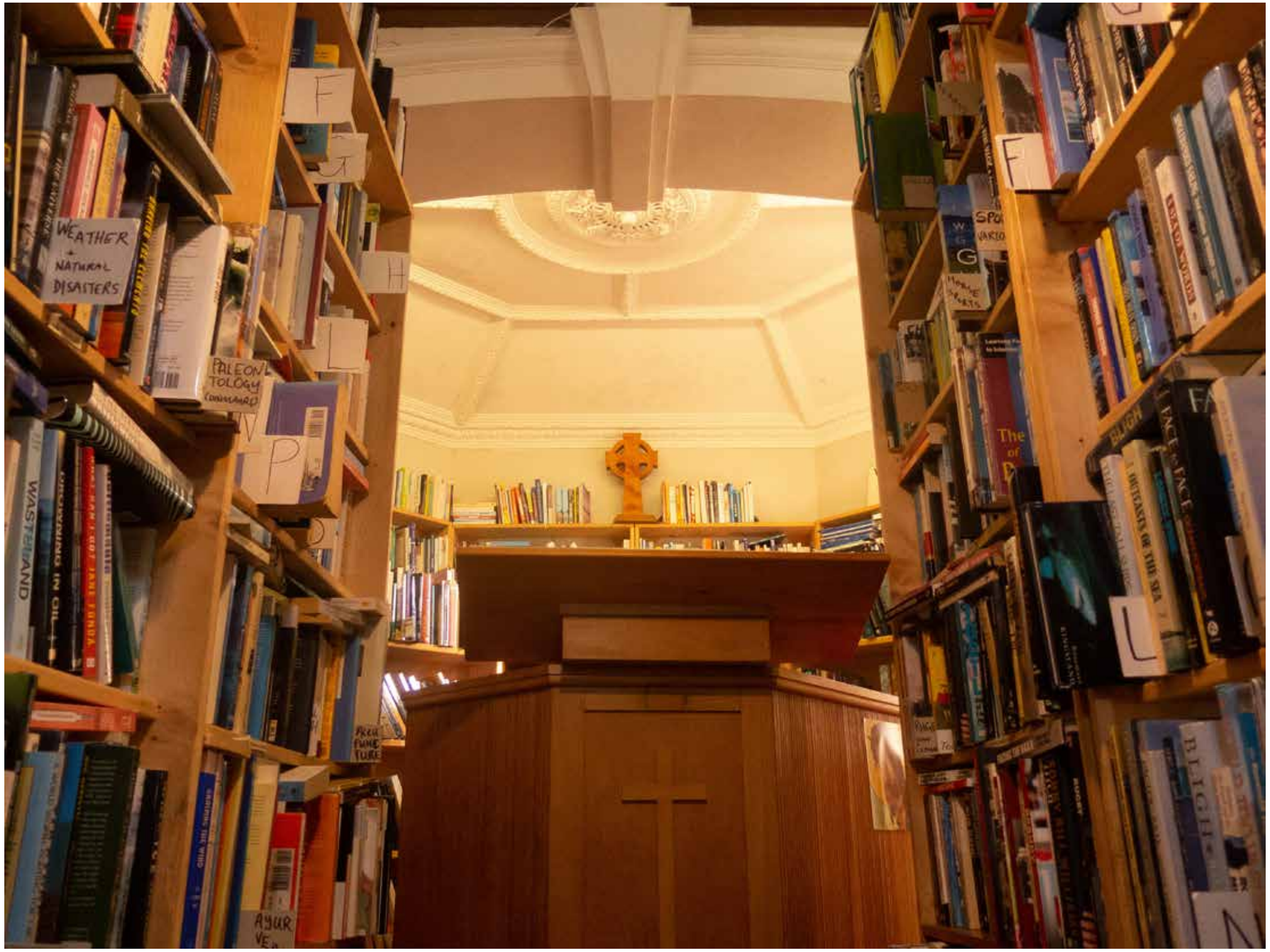
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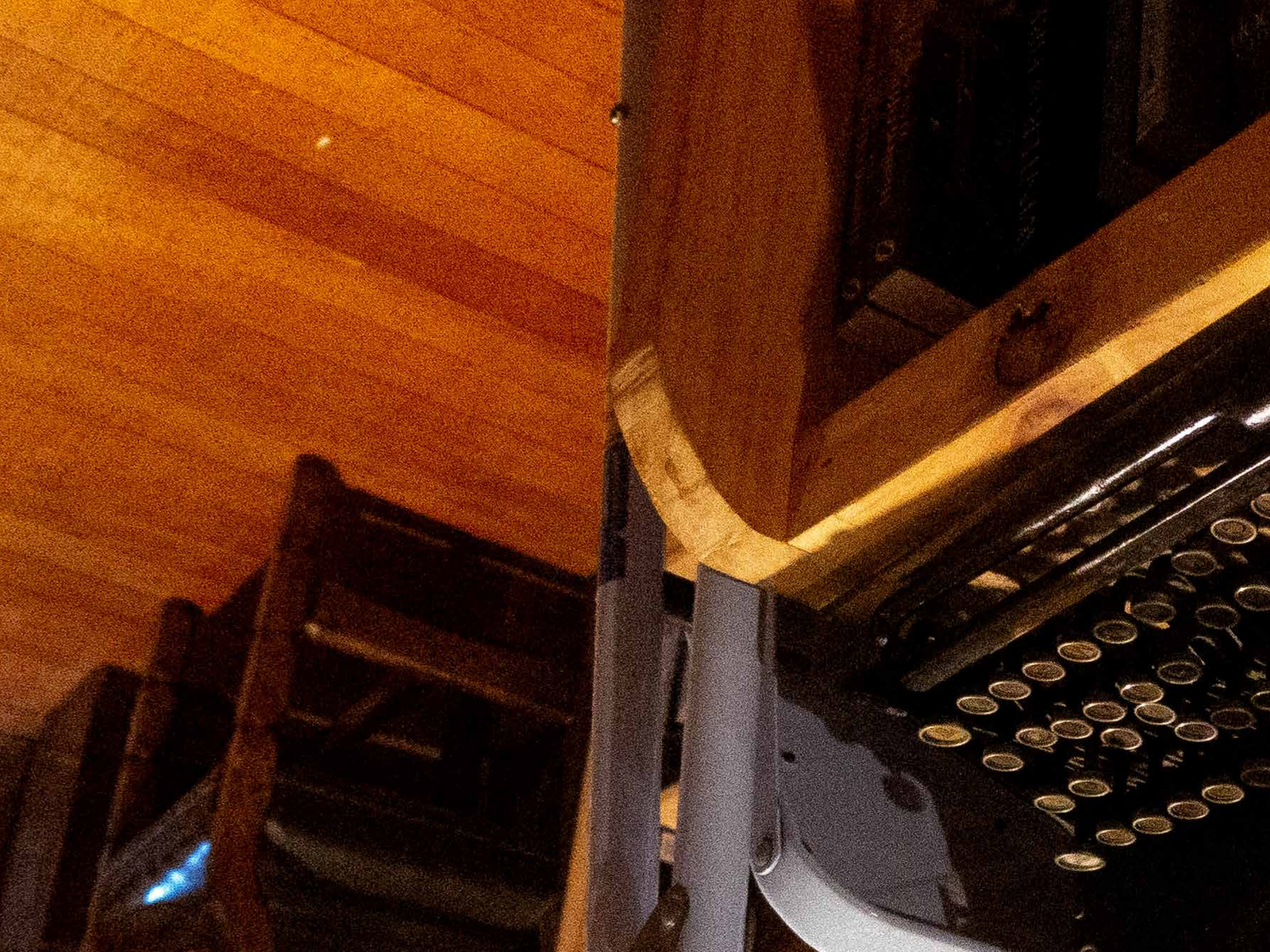

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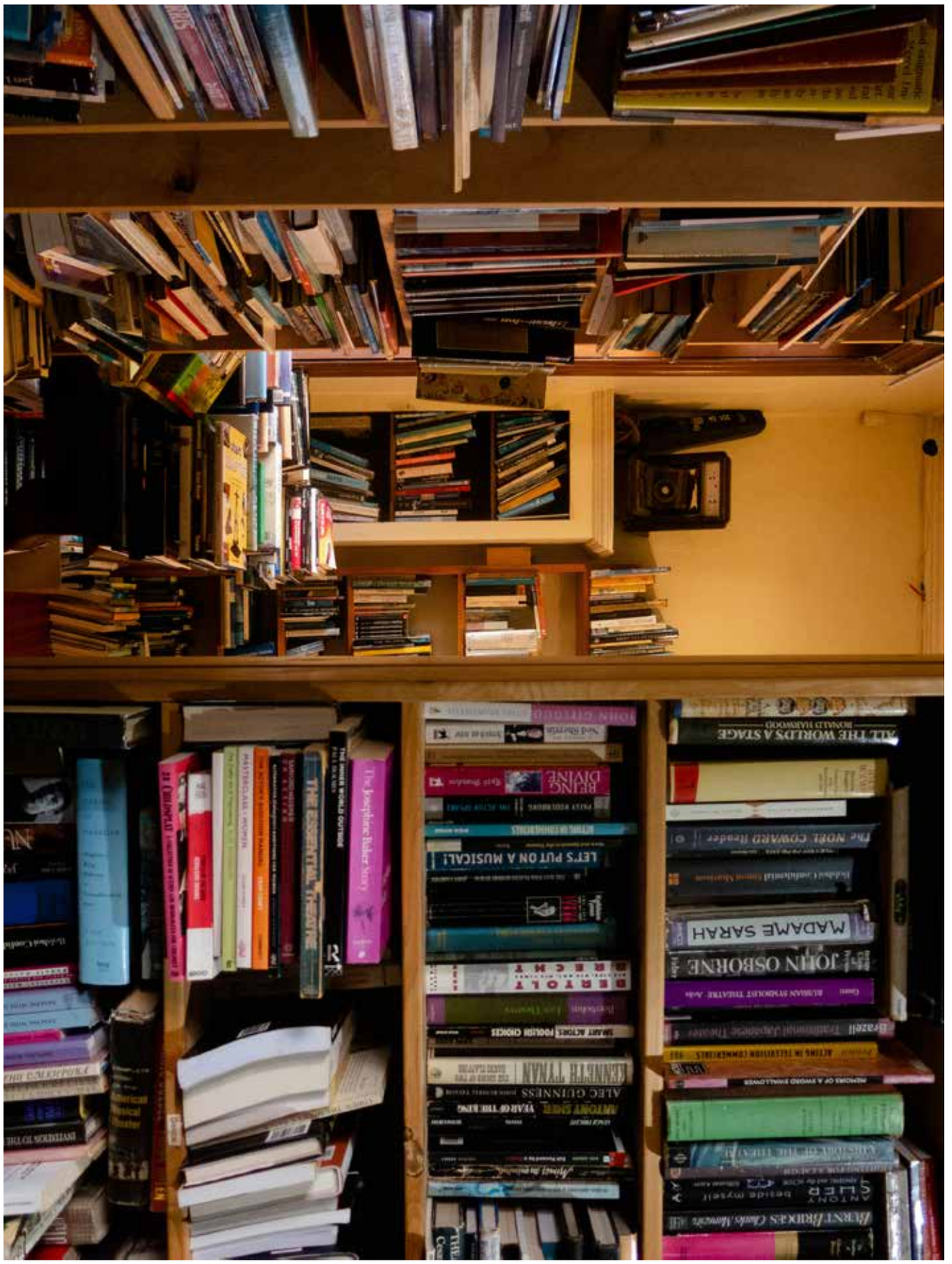
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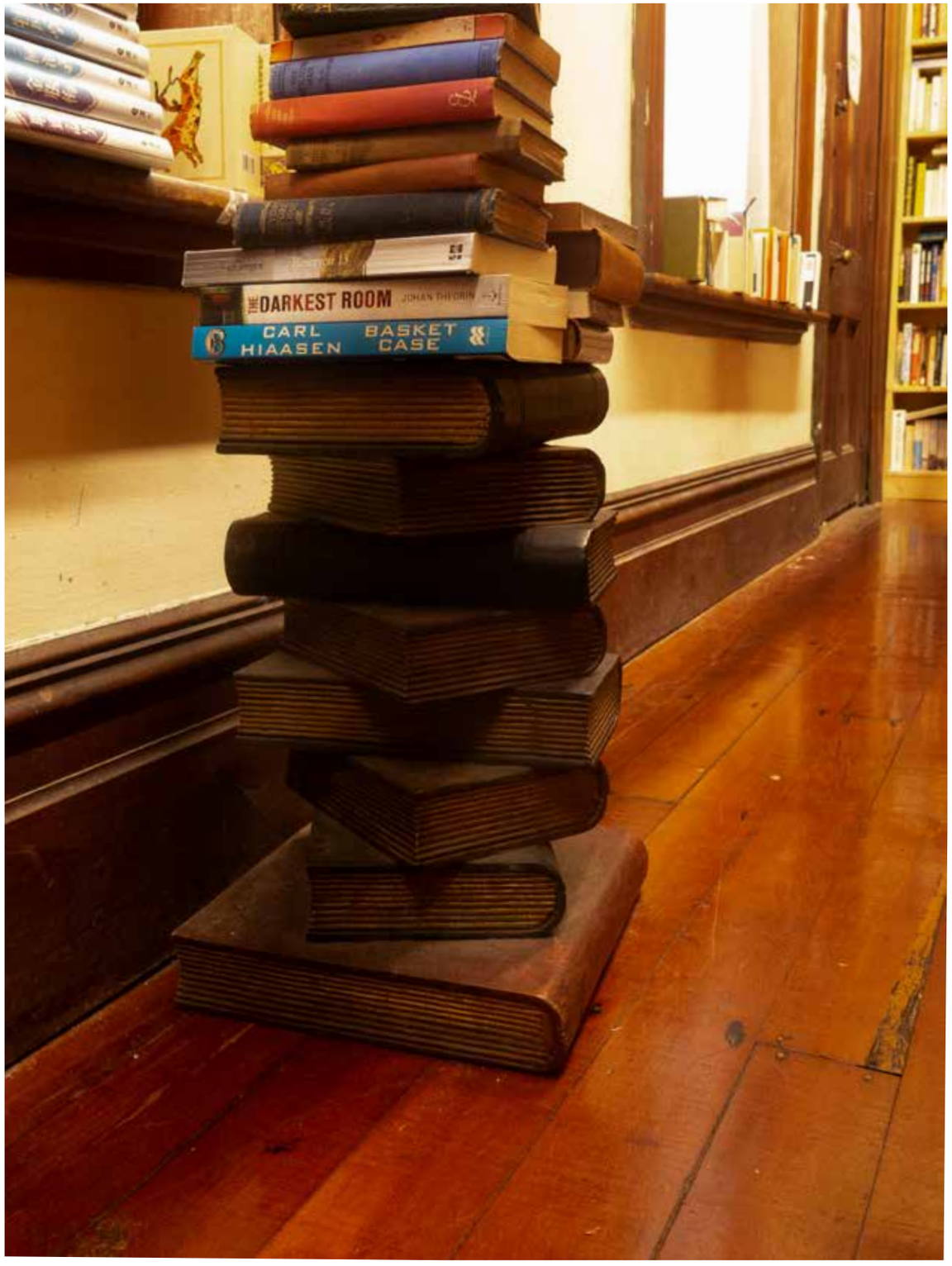
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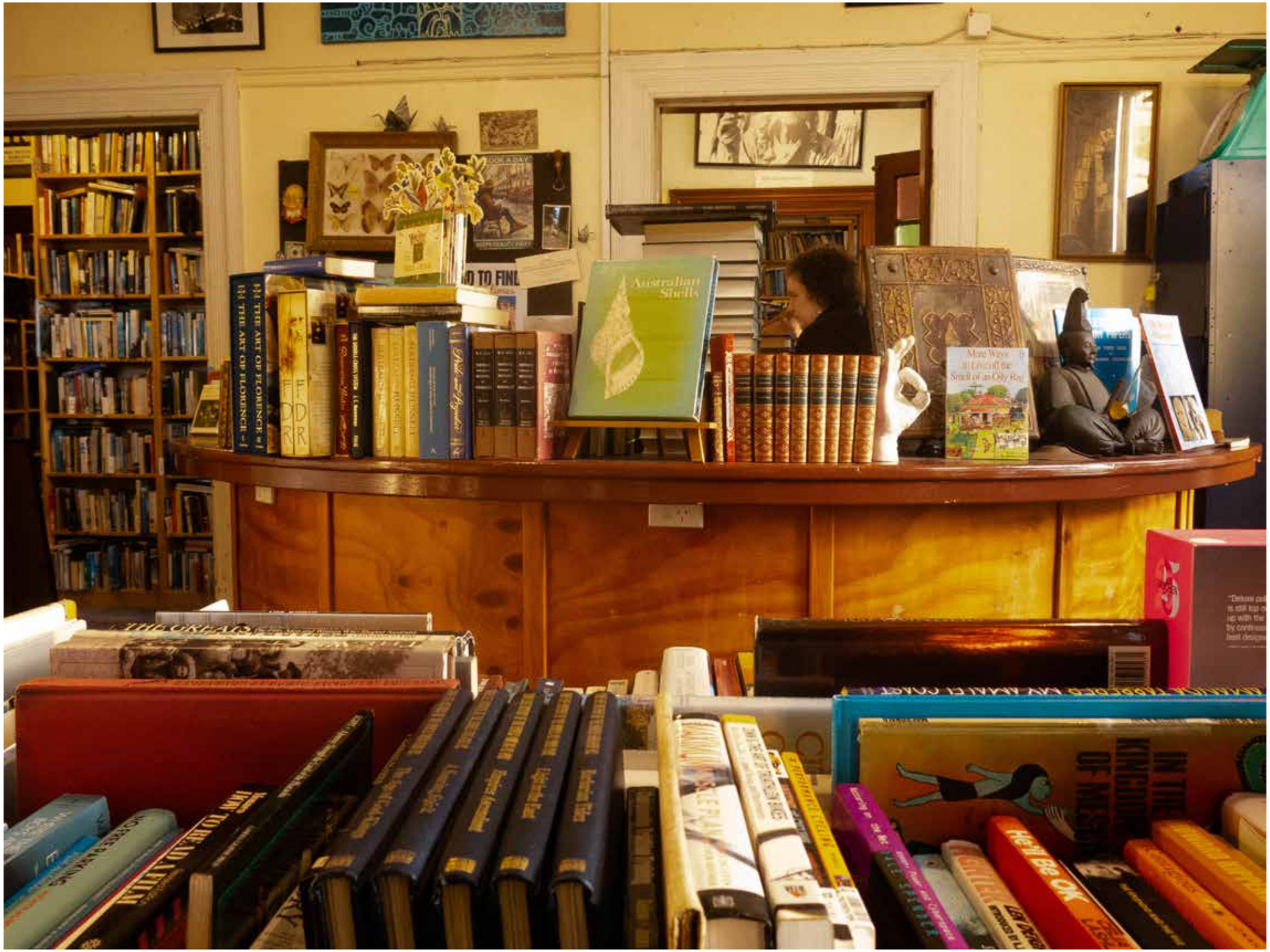
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